(2) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following Message, dated 14th February 1958, received from the Governor of Madras :—

"In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199 (1) (d) of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1958, and in pursuance of clause (3) of Article 207, I also recommend to that Assembly the consideration of the said Bill."

IV—GOVERNMENTS BILLS—*cont.*

(3) THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1958.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

"That leave be granted to introduce the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1958."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted to introduce the Bill.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I introduce the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1958.

The Bill was introduced.

(4) THE MADRAS PROHIBITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1958[a]
(L.A. BILL NO. 2 OF 1958.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

"That the Concurrence of the Council be obtained for setting up of a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses consisting of 24 Members (16 Members of the Assembly and 8 Members of the Council) to consider the Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1958 and that the following Members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee :—

1. The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
2. Sri P. G. Karuthiruman.
3. Srimathi P. K. R. Lakshmikantham.
4. Sri G. Gomathisankara Dikshitar.
5. ,, K. Vinayakam.

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6. Sri A. A. Rasheed.
7. ,, M. Alagirisamy.
8. ,, A. Chidamabaranatha Nadar.
9. ,, R. Kandasami.
10. ,, A. Vedarathnam.
11. ,, M. Selvaraj.
12. ,, N. K. Palanisami.
13. ,, M. Jagannathan.
14. ,, S. M. Annamalai.
15. ,, P. S. Chinnadurai.
16. ,, D. S. Authimoolam.''

Sir, the Government have had under consideration for some years past, the question of amending the Madras Prohibition Act, 1957, with a view to providing for more effective enforcement of the provisions of the Act and also to remove difficulties experienced in the administration of the Act. Some of the more important provisions of the Bill seek—

(*a*) to make non-bailable certain offences like importing, exporting, manufacturing of liquors or intoxicating drugs, or rendering fit for human consumption any spirit, etc.

(*b*) to provide for both imprisonment and fine, enhanced punishment in certain cases and also a minimum punishment for certain offences.

(*c*) to control and regulate molasses which forms the largest and most important base used in illicit distillation.

(*d*) to include in the Prohibition Act a reference to the provisions of section 15 of the Police Act, 1861, relating to the stationing of punitive police and levy of collective fines so that the inhabitants of any area may be cautioned against the commission, abetting, etc., of Prohibition offences, etc.

(*e*) to provide for obtaining of security-bonds from convicted persons for abstaining from the commission of similar offences in future.

Sir, this Bill will be considered by the Joint Select Committee. Therefore, I do hope that this Motion will be accepted by the House easily.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is Sri Chinnadurai moving his amendment?

SRI P. S. CHINNADURAI: No, Sir.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Then I shall put the motion to vote. The question is—

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The motion was put and carried.

I now adjourn the House to meet again at 8-30 a.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned to meet at 8-30 a.m. on Saturday, the 15th February 1958.

VII.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

A. Statutory rules, orders and notifications.

53. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 23, *Home, dated* 4*th January* 1958, *amending rule* 319 *of the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules*, 1940. [*Laid on the Table of the House under section* 133 (b) *of the Motor Vehicles Act*, 1939 (*Central Act IV of* 1939).]

B. Reports and other papers.

26. *Report of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Bhoodan Yagna Bill*, 1957 (*L.A. Bill No.* 15 *of* 1957).